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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

 Majority prices were unchanged to lower in the East with a no better than steady market tone. In the remaining areas, trade sentiment was at least steady to firm at mostly unchanged prices. Demand into retail and food service covered the full range, but was best for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs; however, in the East, smaller sizes were fully adequate to ample, and heavier weights were in balance to tight. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Availability of all items was adequate to tight and clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat continued to move well as a result of active interest in export channels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 2/09/04-02/13/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers					
Bos/New Eng	76.00-78.00	76.82	17	75.44	42
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.49	39	74.59	74
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	71.89	27
Denver	75.50	75.37	15	75.65	17
Detroit	71.00-73.00	73.29	14	73.16	42
Los Angeles	76.00	76.28	61	77.92	121
New York	76.00-78.00	76.67	24	73.78	56
Philadelphia	75.50-77.00	76.36	11	74.30	22
Pittsburgh	76.00-78.00	76.58	12	73.97	53
St. Louis	72.00	71.78	24	70.99	45
San Francisco	76.50	77.06	33	82.00	66

Composite Weighted Average

Loads 02/09/04 Change/Last Wk 02/02/04 02/10/03
565 75.41 0.51 74.90 60.86

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	76.00-78.00	76.28	35
Central	69.00-77.00	75.76	66
West	71.00-77.50	75.34	27
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	70.00-72.00	70.93	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 71.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,042	66.00-74.75	70.56

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	213.50	1,450
BREASTS - B/S	188.00	5,747
BREASTS - WHOLE	98.50	1,637
THIGH MEAT - B/S	107.50	1,082
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	8,403
WINGS	119.00	3,066

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally fair entering the week. Offerings were generally in good balance on 3 pound and heavier sizes; smaller sizes were fully adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were in close balance. Dark meat items were well cleared. Wings and tenderloins were closely cleared.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Demand following the weekend was fair to moderate with mixed, but mostly fair trading. Supplies were balanced to well cleared. In the parts structure, trading was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was close to tight with good movement, aided by strong export interest. Breast items were sufficient to well cleared, and wings were no more than adequate to short. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged from last week levels. Reported trading was higher on new negotiations with regular commitments at unchanged prices. Offerings were in fairly good balance with needs. Buying activity was moderate overall. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts was about steady to firm. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarters 39-42 bulk and 4/10s 41.5-45, breast bone-in 102-108 and boneless 176- 189, wings 124.5-126. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 71.69 up 1.75 from last Mondays' level of 69.94 with the volume reported at 18 loads down 28 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged; Ohio cities TFEWR from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broilers was fully steady to firm. Offerings were light on fair buyer interest. Movement into all channels was in a full range; mostly slow to moderate into retail, while moderate to fairly good into food service. Floor stocks were generally in balance. Weights desirable. Supplies of of all parts were in close balance to adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on all parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair at best. Seller offerings were in good balance to tight on the over 3.00 pound weights; fully adequate to ample on the 2.50 and 3.00 sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights were often lighter than desired. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to tight. Trade interest was heavily centered on ongoing developments in export channels.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	68-91
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	80.44
NO. OF BOXES	9,466

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were in good balance and clearing. Leg items were close balance. Thighs and boneless skinless thighs were closely cleared. Drumsticks were generally sufficient. Wings were no more than adequate. Movement through retail channels was fair. The market tone was fully steady on breast items and ranged steady to firm on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		185	180.75	618,280
TENDERLOINS		180-185	176.18	114,640
BREAST - WITH RIBS		95-96	103.07	131,680
BREAST - LINE RUN		95	98.89	119,480
LEGS		47-48	52.72	391,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		38-39	38.07	422,481
DRUMSTICKS		40-41	46.38	188,080
THIGHS		41-42	49.01	105,820
B/S THIGHS		109-110	110.10	81,920
WINGS (WHOLE)		114-115	121.13	134,063
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	12.07	28,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	32.25	11,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		60-65	70.16	22,280

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,383	146.00-214.00	177-182	177.62
TENDERLOINS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,095	31.00-38.00	34-35	34.45
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,178	32.00-37.00	35-36	35.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	223	88.00-117.00	116-117	114.73
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,126	32.00-40.00	39-40	39.32

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/09	02/05	02/05	02/02	01/29
ALA	3,860	3,532	5.07	3,911	5.13
ARK	5,296	5,084	4.92	5,174	4.98
DELMARVA	2,182	2,153	5.36	2,172	5.42
KY-LA-TN	2,027	1,932	4.98	1,997	4.83
MISS	3,097	3,027	5.27	2,963	5.35
NC	2,463	2,379	6.25	2,393	6.43
TEXAS	3,798	2,027	5.10	2,135	4.93
TOTAL	22,723	20,134	5.23	20,745	5.26
MON	22,723(A)			20,745(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Feb 2004 is estimated to be 33,996,000 up 9.21 percent from a week ago and up 11.43 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,130,000 last year 30,510,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	807	180.00-260.00	182-184	190.30
TENDERLOINS	173	184.00-229.00	184-186	191.62
BREAST - LINE RUN	108	94.00-101.00	96-98	97.68
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	90	54.00-58.00	55-56	56.15
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	611	35.00-39.00	36-37	36.32
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	860	37.00-40.00	38-39	38.35
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	118.00-124.00	118-119	119.46
WINGS (CUT)	575	131.00-142.00	133-137	135.79
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 09, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
64.50 - 74.50	70.25	68.28

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 09-13-FEB-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	170.00 - 193.00	175.00 - 186.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	95.00 - 110.00	95.00 - 100.00
LEGS	39.00 - 65.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00 - 41.00	36.00 - 38.00
DRUMSTICKS	39.00 - 55.00	-
THIGHS	34.50 - 52.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	115.00 - 145.00	117.00 - 120.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 41.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	88
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	91-95
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	585-600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	81-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 103-105
	ICE PACK 101-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 89-105
	ICE PACK 108
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

06-FEB-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-16.50	15.00	1,078,000	628,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.08	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-19.00	11.50-12.50	1,512,000	832,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.66	12.38		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00-13.50	880,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for offerings that were generally adequate. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-FEB-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	8.5-9	8.68
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

06-FEB-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-17.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00	11.00-14.00	2,040,000	652,800
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	11.73		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged compared the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-FEB-04

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.75	8-9	8.84

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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